

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The selectively mountable display apparatus of Claim 33, said pressing and holding device further comprising a container for accommodating said convex portion so that it the convex member can protrude from and retract into said axial member, an elastic member for pressing said convex portion into a protruding state, and a stopping member for restricting movements of said convex portion which are caused by this elastic member.

21. (Previously Presented) The selectively mountable display apparatus of Claim 32, said convex portion being spherical in shape.

22. (Previously Presented) The selectively mountable display apparatus of Claim 29, said cabinet having a plurality of attaching portions, to any of which said axial member is attached, at a plurality of positions thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) The selectively mountable display apparatus of Claim 29, wherein said display apparatus comprises a plurality of cabinets, each of which is said cabinet.

24. (Previously Presented) A vehicle-mounted display apparatus including a cabinet having a display unit, and a supporting base to be combined with said cabinet, which is attached to a surface, said vehicle-mounted display apparatus comprising:

an attitude setting mechanical unit for, when combining said cabinet and said supporting base, determining a rotational attitude of one of them with respect to the other one for each of a plurality of positions;

a first mounting and demounting mechanical unit for combining said cabinet and said supporting base so that said cabinet can be mounted to and demounted from said supporting base;

a first operating mechanical unit for holding or cancelling the combination of said cabinet and said supporting base;

a second mounting and demounting mechanical unit for combining said cabinet and the display unit so that the display unit can be mounted to and demounted from said cabinet; and

a second operating mechanical unit for holding or cancelling the combination of said cabinet and said display unit.

25. (Previously Presented) The vehicle-mounted display apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein an axial member is disposed, as said first mounting and demounting mechanical unit, in said cabinet and an operation member for causing said axial member to reciprocate is also disposed, as said first operating mechanical unit, in said cabinet, and a fitting hole into which said axial member can be fitted is disposed as said first mounting and demounting mechanical unit, in said supporting base.

26. (Previously Presented) A vehicle-mounted display apparatus comprising a cabinet having a display unit, and a supporting base to be combined with said cabinet, which is attached to a surface, said vehicle-mounted display apparatus comprising:

an attitude setting mechanical unit for, when combining said cabinet and said supporting base, determining a rotational attitude of one of them with respect to the other one for each of a plurality of positions;

a first mounting and demounting mechanical unit for combining said cabinet and said supporting base so that said cabinet can be mounted to and demounted from said supporting base;

a first operating mechanical unit for holding or cancelling the combination of said cabinet and said supporting base;

a second mounting and demounting mechanical unit for combining said cabinet and either a display unit or a cartridge so that either the display unit or the cartridge can be mounted to and demounted from said cabinet;

a second operating mechanical unit for holding or cancelling the combination of said cabinet and either said display unit or said cartridge;

a third mounting and demounting mechanical unit for combining said cartridge and a sound source device so that said sound source device can be mounted to and demounted from said cartridge; and

a third operation mechanical unit for holding or cancelling the combination of said cartridge and said sound source device.

27. (Currently Amended) The vehicle-mounted display apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein an axial member is disposed, as said first mounting and demounting mechanical unit, in said cabinet and an operation member for causing said axial member to reciprocate is also disposed, as said first operating mechanical unit, in said cabinet, and a fitting hole into which said axial member can be fitted is disposed as said first mounting and demounting mechanical unit, in either-said supporting base.

28. (Previously Presented) The vehicle-mounted display apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the cartridge has, as said third mounting and demounting mechanical unit, an accommodating recess and a pressing member disposed in one of opposing surfaces of said accommodating recess, for pressing the sound source device which is inserted into said accommodating recess toward another one of said opposing surfaces.

29. (Previously Presented) A selectively mountable display apparatus suitable for mounting on a supporting base attached to a surface, said apparatus comprising:

a cabinet containing a media presentation device, said cabinet being separate from said supporting base such that said cabinet must be combined with said supporting base in order to mount said apparatus to said surface;

a mounting device disposed in said cabinet for combining said cabinet with said supporting base, said mounting device comprising an axial member disposed in said cabinet such that said cabinet may be mounted at a plurality of rotational orientations with respect to said supporting base, using said axial member as an axis of rotation; and

an operating mechanical unit disposed in said cabinet for establishing or cancelling the combination of said cabinet and said base wherein said operating mechanical unit connects said cabinet to said base using said axial member by inserting or retracting a protruding portion of said axial member disposed in said cabinet to and from said base such that said protruding portion is inserted into said base along the same line where said axial member is disposed, and such that the connection of said protruding member and said base facilitates rotation of said cabinet with respect to said base about said axial member.

30. (Previously Presented) The display apparatus of Claim 29, wherein said axial member is a pair of cylindrical polygons which are slidably supported by said cabinet, and which are disposed in a pair of protruding portions of said cabinet that extend from one end of said cabinet such that said polygons are arranged with a gap between them and in an identical center line such that the width of said gap is less than the width of said base and wherein said polygons fit into said base to accomplish mounting of said apparatus by combining said cabinet and said base through said operating mechanical unit, which causes said pair of cylindrical polygons to retract into said cabinet along said center line in response to a manipulation of an operating member and also causes said pair of cylindrical polygons to extend from said cabinet, and includes stoppers for restricting movements of said cylindrical polygons which are caused by a pressing member that a user may compress or release to retract or extend said cylindrical polygons, and a movement transferring member for transferring a movement of said operating member to said axial member.

31. (Previously Presented) The display apparatus of claim 29, said apparatus further comprising an attitude setting unit disposed in said cabinet for, when said cabinet is combined with said base, allowing for the determination of a rotational attitude of said cabinet with respect to said base for a plurality of positions such that a plurality of fixed positions are set within the rotational range of said cabinet with respect to said base wherein said cabinet may be mounted to said base in any of said fixed positions and may be rotated between said fixed positions while mounted to said base.

32. (Previously Presented) The selectively mountable display apparatus of claim 31, said attitude setting mechanical unit further comprising a retractable convex portion protruding from the outer surface of said axial member.

33. (Previously Presented) The selectively mountable display apparatus of claim 32, said attitude setting mechanical unit further comprising a pressing and holding device that causes said convex portion to retract into said axial member when said pressing and holding device is pressed and remain in either a protruding or a retracted state when the holding aspect of said pressing and holding device is engaged.

34. (Previously Presented) A method for selectively mounting and de-mounting a display apparatus to a surface having a mounting base disposed thereon, said method comprising:

coupling a cabinet having a cavity that contains a display media presentation device to said mounting base using retractable axial members disposed on inside surfaces of protruding portions of said cabinet such that said axial members have a cross-sectional shape that corresponds to fitting holes disposed in said base, and wherein said axial members may be selectively retracted into or projected from said protruding portions of said cabinet with an axial member actuation device disposed within said cabinet and further wherein said axial members are disposed along an axial

line and enable said cabinet to be rotatably mounted to said base, with said axial line comprising the axis of rotation.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, said method further comprising:

removing said media presentation device from said cavity and placing said removed media presentation device in a second cabinet, said second cabinet also having a cavity to accommodate said media presentation device.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, said method further comprising:

removing said media presentation device from said cavity and placing a different media presentation device into said cavity.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, said method further comprising:

coupling said cabinet to said base by inserting said axial members into said fitting holes and de-coupling said cabinet from said base by retracting said axial members from said fitting holes.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, said method further comprising:

rotating said cabinet by de-coupling said cabinet from said base, selecting a new rotational orientation for said cabinet, and re-coupling said cabinet to said base.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, said method further comprising:

rotating said cabinet by disengaging an attitude-setting unit disposed in said cabinet, rotating said cabinet to a new orientation while said cabinet is still coupled to

said base, and re-engaging said attitude-setting unit to hold said cabinet in the newly selected rotational orientation.

40. (Previously Presented) A supporting base suitable for mounting a selectively mountable display apparatus thereon, said base comprising:

an attachment device for attaching said base to a surface;

fitting holes for attaching said display apparatus to said base, said holes being disposed on opposite, outward-facing ends of said base such that said holes are disposed along a straight line wherein the apertures and floors of a pair of holes disposed on opposite sides of said base all lie along the same straight line.

41. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40, said attachment device comprising at least two nails or rivets to secure said base to a surface.

42. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40, said attachment device comprising a mounting bracket where said bracket is permanently affixed to said surface by a first affixing method, and where said base is permanently affixed to said mounting bracket by a second affixing method.

43. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40, said attachment device comprising an epoxy.

44. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40, said fitting holes having a shape such that axial mounting members disposed in said display apparatus may be slidably inserted into and retracted from said fitting holes.

45. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40, said fitting holes having a shape such that axial mounting members disposed in said display apparatus may not freely rotate within said holes when inserted into said holes.

46. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40 wherein said base comprises a plurality of bases, each of which is said base.

47. (Currently Amended) The base of claim 40 wherein said surface is the back of ana vehicle seat.

48. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40 wherein said surface is the ceiling of a vehicle passenger compartment.

49. (Previously Presented) The base of claim 40, wherein said surface is a wall.

50. (Currently Amended) The base of claim 40, further comprising a socket portion of a fitting hole, wherein the socket portion of a fitting hole is disposed within said base such that said socket portion rotates with respect to said base.